

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 19, 2021
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM APPLICATION

Commission Members Present: Michael Timmons, Chair, William McFarland, James Kelley, Jr., Richard Shiers, and Edward Kelleher

Commission Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: AAG, Ron Guay, AAG, Henry Jennings, Carol Gauthier, Miles Greenleaf, Jaime Wood, and Dr. Zachary Matzkin

1. **Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:** Michael Timmons, Chair
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
Commissioner Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2021.
Commissioner McFarland seconded. Vote 4-0.
3. **Determination of Whether to Adopt Amendments to CMR 01-017, Chapter 13.** The Commission reviewed the hearing record for Chapter 13 on March 11, 2021 and provided direction to the staff relative to changes to the proposed amendments they believe are warranted. The staff has made the adjustments requested by the Commission. The Commission will now determine whether further revisions are warranted, and whether to adopt the proposed amendments.
Henry Jennings showed the comments on the screen for Commissioners to see and review for adoption. He also gave an overview of the language. AAG, Guay stated that he only gives legal advice but does not draft the rule. Commissioner Timmons asked for a motion. Mr. Jennings stated to the Commissioners that they need to adopt the final rule, the summary of comments, the basis statement and the impact on small businesses. Commissioner Kelleher made a motion to accept all four documents presented. Commissioner Kelley seconded. Commissioner Kelley had a comment. He stated he is okay with the language about the state steward and if something came up the state steward would be the representative of the Commission. AAG, Guay stated that the state steward is an extension of the Commission. Commissioner Timmons asked AAG, Guay to call the roll.

RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion: To adopt the final rule Chapter 13, the summary of comments, the basis statement and the impact on small businesses.

Michael Timmons	YEA
William McFarland	YEA
James Kelley, Jr.	YEA
Edward Kelleher	YEA
Richard Shiers	ABSTAIN

Commissioner Shiers joined at this point.

Motion passed 4-0-1. Abstain

- 4. Establishment of the 2021 Schedule of Sire Stakes Races.** CMR 01-026, Chapter 9, Section 1.3 requires the Commission to annually establish a schedule of Sire Stakes races. The Sire Stakes Advisory Committee will present a recommended schedule for the Commission to consider.
Mr. Jennings stated the committee would like to meet again. Miles Greenleaf stated they met last week and Mrs. Perkins, chair of the committee wanted to meet again.
- 5. Other Business**
None.
- 6. Public Comment**
Commissioner Timmons gave an update regarding First Track. He stated at Cumberland there is a crew there working on the track and pari-mutuels. He also asked if there were any outstanding cases. Mr. Jennings stated they have one that they are hoping to do on March 26, 2021. There is also one in discussion between lawyers. There are 2 appeals from Bangor. Don Marean stated that there are sites on the grounds of Cumberland for rental and Lee Trailer rents trailers out.
- 7. Schedule of Future Meetings:**
March 26, 2021
- 8. Adjourn**
10:43 a.m.